

PATENT  
Appl. No. 10/004,143  
Amdt. dated August 31, 2004  
Reply to Office action of n/a  
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Claim 17 (as a result of its being identical to Claim 1) is to be cancelled. Such actions are to be taken by Examiner's amendment according to the discussions held.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone or other conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of the present application, enabling an Examiner's amendment or other meaningful discussion of the case, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the number listed below.

With the above-referenced changes, it is believed that the application is in a condition for allowance; and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the application on to allowance. It is not believed that any additional fees are due; however, in the event any additional fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicants' Attorney's Deposit Account No. 03-2030.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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